GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2900
ANSWERED ON:09.08.2001
ENRON HOLDING IN DPC
A. VENKATESH NAIK;CHANDRA NATH SINGH;JAGMEET SINGH BRAR;KAMBALAPADU E. KRISHNAMURTHY;RAMSHETH THAKUR;SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to buy Enron holding in DPC;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the cost involved therein;

(d) whether any meeting was held with Enron to settle the fate of the project; and

(e) if so, the outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : No, Sir.

(b) & (c) : Do not arise.

(d) : The Government of Maharashtra have set up a Negotiating Committee tocarry out discussions with promoters of the Dabhol power project and other concerned parties with a view to reducing the tariff as well as sale of power of the project. Several meetings have been held of the Negotiating Committee in which representatives from Enron have taken part. Enron representatives have also had meetings with the Central Government with a view to reaching an amicable solution to the various issues arising out of the contracts signed by Dabhol Power Company. The Central Government iscommitted to facilitate an early solution to the issues and has appointed Sh. A.V. Gokak, Secretary (Retired) as its nominee on the Negotiating Committee set up by the state Government.

(e) : The Negotiating Committee is having discussions with concerned partiesand is yet to give its recommendations, which will be submitted to the Government of Maharashtra.